

25,000 STARVING AS WINTER PRESSES STRICKEN RUSSIANS

Sir Philip Gibbs Pleads for Relief After Visit to Famine District.

PESTILENCE RAMPANT Present Measures Only Touch Frontiers of Needy Land.

SUPPLIES UNMOLESTED Declares Soviet Is Bending Every Effort to Speed Food Cargoes.

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It is unlucky for twenty-five million peasants in Southern Russia that they have no food to eat at a time when the world is tired of tales of human misery, sick of its own troubles, and busy with passionate selfishness, in trying to cure its own maladies. Those Russian peasants have been very unlucky! First the great war came and their sons were taken from ploughs and fields to fight the Germans. They obeyed because they were Russian peasants, even when they had to advance upon German artillery and machine guns, without rifles or without ammunition, and were slaughtered in droves like silly sheep.

Years later, after long slaughter—and the harvests were not so rich down on the Volga and the Don because young labor was scarce—some of them murmured, "Why should we fight men against whom we have no hatred? Why should we fight endlessly at the command of men who grow rich out of war, who do nothing for our comfort, who rob us of our very boots?" It is better to make peace.

Refugees but No Refuge. But it was not a good peace, and the Russian peasants were again unlucky. Revolution broke out in the great cities, the new regime was overthrown, the new gospel of Bolshevism was proclaimed as the hope of humanity. And the Russian peasant hoped for a little while. He hoped for peace, he hoped to get back to the land—now free—and his little home where all memories of war would be blotted out by peace and happiness. But he was unlucky again. The Red armies called for recruits and took the last reserves of grain to feed them. In vain the old peasants said, "There will be famine again if our barns are emptied." Russia was invaded by "White" armies paid for by French and British money. They so loved Russia, these White armies, that to save it they destroyed many things along their line of march—houses and barns and railways and bridges and the very standing corn. The Russian peasants were unlucky again. The Red armies were unlucky again. It seemed that God now had declared war upon them after all the cruelties of men. No rain fell to swell their seed corn in the soil and give it life. Month after month no rain fell. Even from the black earth of the Volga, so rich and fruitful as a great granary of the world, there came up only thin crops. And the sun was fierce and pitiless and the Russian peasant praying for rain, weeping for rain, had no luck.

Nature is Merciless. Nature was merciless, it seemed, as man had been without mercy. For hundreds of miles, east and west, north and south, from Nijni Novgorod to Astrakhan, the soil was baked hard under a blinding, cruel, ruthless sun, and twenty-five million Russian peasants who had no luck, no luck for rescue and for the other only the chance that the charity of the world will be quick and generous, not held back by political hatred or cold distrust. Russia cannot save her own people. Without outside help they will be lost. Even the tides of private charity flowing into British and American relief missions do but touch the frontiers of the famine-stricken land. The Governments of the world have been slow to recognize their duty to laws higher than diplomacy—slow and grudging to vote a few millions for human relief when they were quick to

BERLIN WAITERS RESUME THE HONORED TIP TAKING

Strike of Five Weeks Ends With Agreement to Abolish Voluntary Gratuity With Minimum Wage, but Human Nature Triumphs.

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For the past two years the Berlin waiters had been protesting against the tip system and insisted on having

10 per cent. of the amount added to the bill, which should go to the waiter. But the fact that many waiters while protesting still demanded tips caused complications which finally resulted in the strike by which leading restaurants and hotel dining rooms in Berlin were forced to close.

By arbitration it was arranged that the waiters should receive a 10 per cent. charge on all checks and a minimum wage, which really amounted to abolition of the voluntary tip. But within a week after the strike ended a census taken in the leading Berlin eating places showed that the waiters were offered and accepted tips in all excepting one.

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ENJOYS RARE PRIVILEGES SHOWS MUTUAL BENEFIT

British Sovereigns Forced to Bow to Incumbent of Ancient Office.

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Even King George cannot enter the Lord Mayor's domain without first asking permission, and his Majesty's soldiers may not march in any large number through the City streets without the Lord Mayor's sanction. He has the right to a private audience with the Crown whenever he wishes it. He has the right of the royal coat of arms and the privilege of being able to drive direct into the Ambassador's court at St. James's without going around the old Constitution Hill route, which all others must follow.

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